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SUBJECT: LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.
FILE # 89-HQ-4866

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To: Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts

Date: 12/5/80

From: Director, FBI

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Subject: [REDACTED]

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ORAL THREAT TO KILL UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.;
AFO MATTER☐ Fingerprint Photo ☐ Fingerprint Record ☐ Map ☐ Newspaper clipping ☐ Photograph☐ Artists Conception☒ Other Incoming TT from FBI RH to
Director, FBI and WFO dated
12/5/80, captioned as above.

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[REDACTED] ORAL THREAT TO KILL UNITED STATES SUPREME
COURT JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.; AFO MATTER.

b7c ON DECEMBER 4, 1982, [REDACTED]

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA (TELEPHONE NUMBER 231-[REDACTED]) TELEPHONICALLY

ADVISED RICHMOND DIVISION SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] OF THE

FOLLOWING: B. APPROX 1926-1927 -

[REDACTED] AND IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE

MALE; [REDACTED]

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ON DECEMBER 4, 1980, AUSA RAYMOND A. CARPENTER, EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THAT A MERE ORAL THREAT IS INSUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE AN ASSAULT UNDER THE AFO STATUTE AND OPINED THIS MATTER DID NOT CONSTITUTE A FEDERAL VIOLATION,

ON DECEMBER 4, 1980, THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED BY SA [REDACTED] OF THIS OFFICE TO ALFRED WONG, MARSHAL OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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AUSA'S OPINION BEING CONFIRMED SEPARATE.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF THE THREAT HE

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REPORTEDLY MADE TO KILL JUSTICE POWELL.

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[REDACTED]; ORAL THREAT TO KILL THE UNITED STATES
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.; AFO MATTER

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, DEC. 4, 1980.

AT REQUEST OF LT. [REDACTED] U. S. SUPREME COURT POLICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., DEC. 5, 1980, ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO LOCATE PHOTO
OF CAPTIONED SUBJECT. NO ARREST RECORD COULD BE LOCATED WHICH
PROMPTED CONTACT THIS DATE WITH SUBJECT'S MOTHER, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], RICHMOND (TELEPHONE 231 [REDACTED]). MRS. [REDACTED]
ADVISED THAT SUBJECT HAS NEVER BEEN ARRESTED AND ALTHOUGH AS A
NAVY VETERAN WAS UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE FOR NERVOUS CONDITION AT
VA HOSPITAL, THIS OCCURRED 10 YEARS AGO. MRS. [REDACTED] STATED THAT

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IS NOT A VIOLENT PERSON AND WOULD NEVER HURT ANYBODY IN
HER ESTIMATION.

[REDACTED] MRS

WAS ASSURED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE.

[REDACTED] SHE STATED THAT [REDACTED]
HAS NEVER THREATENED TO KILL JUSTICE POWELL OR ANYONE ELSE TO THE
BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE NOR WOULD HE BE CAPABLE OF SAME.

THIS INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED LT. [REDACTED] SUPRA, BY RETURN
TELEPHONE CALL, DEC. 5, 1980.

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RICHMOND NOTES RE TELETYPE WAS INCORRECTLY TRANSMITTED AS AN
80-2 MATTER. RICHMOND COPIES OF RE TELETYPE BEING CORRECTED.

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